

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A method of describing an existing data using natural language, which is characterized in that a computer carries out a process including steps of:

designating an existing data created by a specific software object;

analyzing the aforementioned data to convert it into an instruction sequence that the software object has executed to create the aforementioned data;

converting the instruction sequence into a function describing expression of natural language that can be understood by a user; and

obtaining semantic information from the function describing expression and creating a request describing expression by adding a meaning to the function describing expression.

2. (Original) A program for making a computer carry out the method according to claim 1.

3. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein the designated data is converted into an instruction sequence, using a dictionary specifying the correspondence between instruction sequences that the software object can execute and data formats.

4. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein the instruction sequence is converted into a function describing expression, using a dictionary specifying the correspondence between function describing expressions of natural language understandable to the user and instruction sequences.

5. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein a request describing expression is created from the function describing expression, using a dictionary specifying the correspondence between semantic expressions of user's requests and functional descriptions.

6. (New) The method according to claim 5, wherein the dictionary is a conversion table listing words and phrases used in the function describing expression or request describing expression, where each word or phrase is paired with one or more words or phrases that are replaceable with each other.